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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kahsay Habte

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-24 and 27-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 29-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-24, 27, 28 and 41-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-11, 13-24 and 27-65 are pending in this application.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment filed 1/23/2006 in response to the previous Office Action (Paper No. 3) is acknowledged. Rejections of claims 1-28 and 41-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph (5a-5i) and the prior art rejection (item 4) have been obviated. Applicant's amendment raises new issues that need further rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 24 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chu et al. US Pat. No. 5,318,965. Cited reference at columns 41-42 (Examples 29 and 30) teaches two compounds of interest that are the same as applicants when applicant's formula 1 has the following substituents:

V = H; A = F; X = F or pyrrolidinyI substituted with amino; U = morpholine and W = benzo.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-11, 13-24, 27-28 and 41-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The phrase "U is ... 5-14 membered ring containing **No**, O or S" lacks description. The examiner made this rejection, because the concept "No O or S" in a 5-14 membered ring is a new concept. Since the term "**No**" implies a proviso to exclude compounds, the rejection is proper. See also second paragraph rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-28 and 41-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention:

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a. Claim 1 and claims dependent thereon are rejected because the phrase "U is ...5-14 membered ring containing N, O or S" is not clear. Do applicants intend a proviso or this is a typographical error? If it is a typographical error, the phrase should read as "U is ...5-14 membered ring containing N, O or S.

b. In claim 1 (page 4, three lines from the end of the claim) the phrase "each optionally substituted by halo, C=O" is incorrect. If a carbonyl is used a substituent for example on alkyl, there would be dangling valency, since a carbon atom of the carbonyl is charged. Do applicants intend oxo (=O)? Note that -COH or an oxo group can be substituents; assuming applicants have support for them.

Claim Objections

6. Claim 46 is objected to because of the following informalities: there is no period at the end of the claim.

7. Claim 46 is objected to because of the borders surrounding each chemical structure. It is recommended that applicants delete the borders from the chemical structures. Note that some chemical structures are not drawn properly e.g. see 10th species at page 12 , 7th species at page 36, etc.


Conclusion

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kahsay Habte, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0667. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9.00AM- 5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Wilson can be reached at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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